

# PUTNAM COUNTY, INDIANA

## *Highlights*



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## Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

*Highlights* are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

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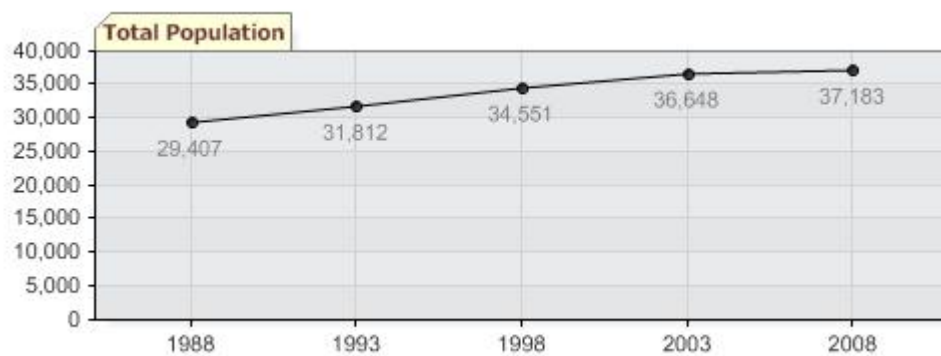
## Location

Putnam County is located in west central Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Owen County. Morgan County and Hendricks County are adjacent to Putnam County on the east, Montgomery County to the north, and Parke County and Clay County to the west. Putnam County is one of the six counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Economic Growth Region 7. Putnam County is included in the Indianapolis Metropolitan Statistical Area.

## Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

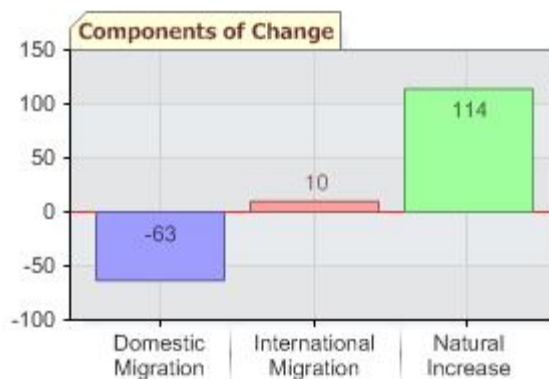
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	29,407	31,812	34,551	36,648	37,183
Change Since 1988		2,405	5,144	7,241	7,776
Pct. Change Since 1988		8.2%	17.5%	24.6%	26.4%



Source: US Census Bureau

### Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-63
International Migration	10
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	114
Births	424
Deaths	310



Source: US Census Bureau

### Population Estimates by Age in 2007

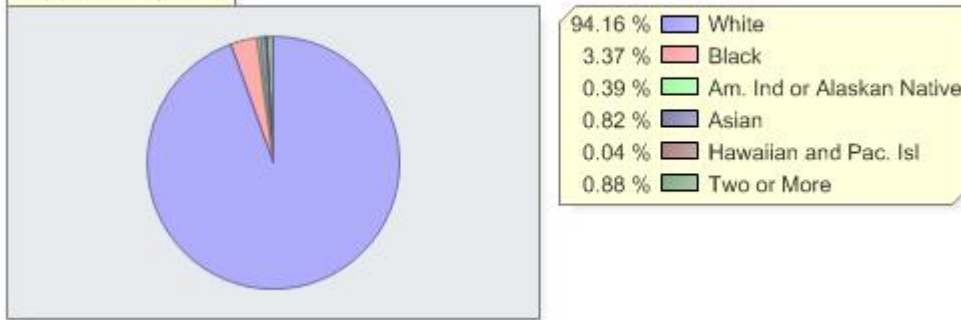
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	2,065	5.6%
School Age	5,907	15.9%
College Age	4,951	13.3%
Young Adult	10,304	27.7%
Older Adult	8,997	24.2%
Older (65 plus)	4,790	12.9%

Source: US Census Bureau

### Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	145	0.4%
Asian Alone	305	0.8%
Black Alone	1,253	3.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	15	0.0%
White Alone	34,970	94.2%
Two or More Race Groups	326	0.9%

Population by Race



## Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	36,498	98.3%
Hispanic or Latino	516	1.4%

Source: US Census Bureau

## Households in 2000

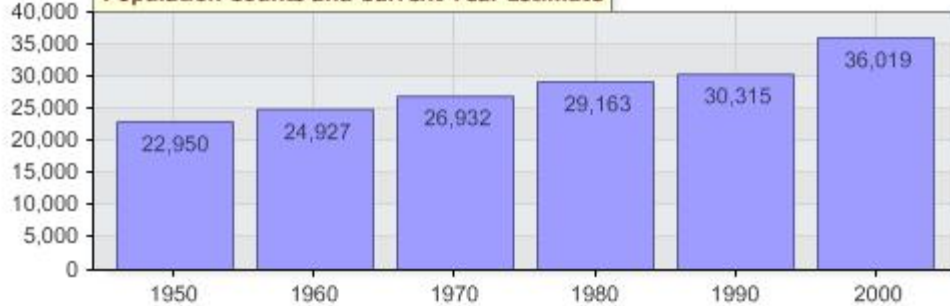
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	12,374	100.0%
Family Households	9,121	73.7%
Married with Children	3,313	26.8%
Married without Children	4,414	35.7%
Single Parents	892	7.2%
Other	502	4.1%
Non-family Households	3,253	26.3%
Living Alone	2,776	22.4%
Average Household Size	2.92	
Average Family Household Size	3.96	

Source: US Census Bureau

## Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

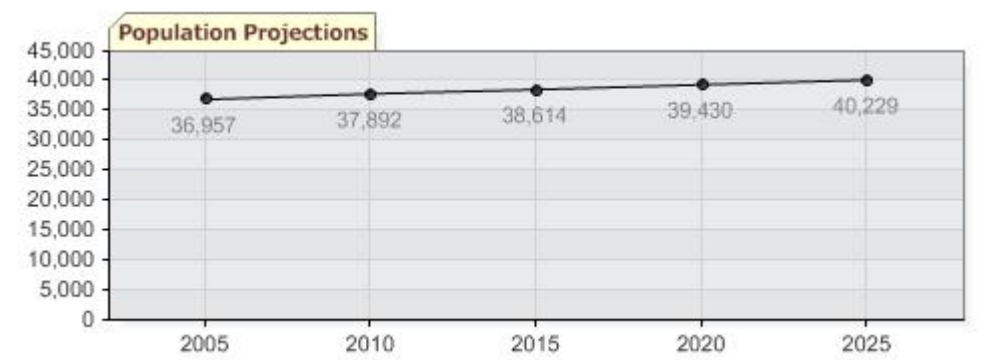
	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	22,950	NA	NA
1960	24,927	1,977	8.6%
1970	26,932	2,005	8.0%
1980	29,163	2,231	8.3%
1990	30,315	1,152	4.0%
April 2000	36,019	5,704	18.8%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A

Population Counts and Current Year Estimate





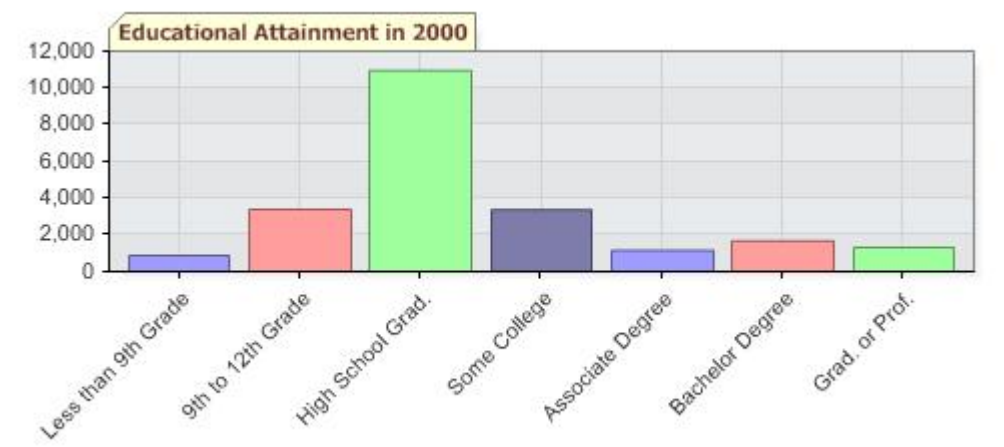
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	36,957	37,892	38,614	39,430	40,229
Change Since 2005		935	1,657	2,473	3,272
Pct. Change Since 2005		2.5%	4.5%	6.7%	8.9%



## Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

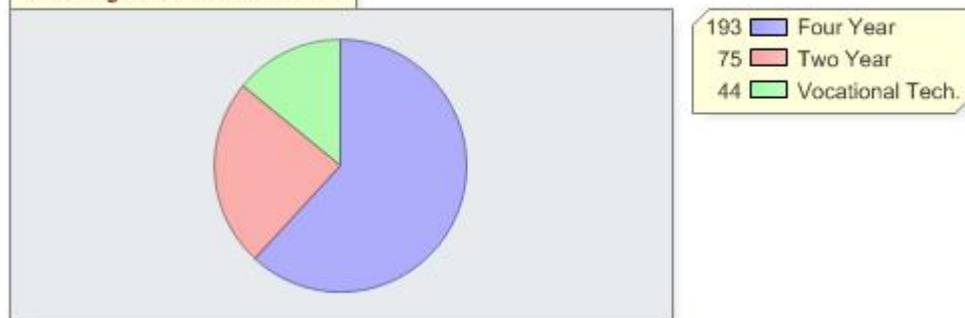
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	14,169	16,353	18,437	22,740
Less than 9th Grade	3,611	2,306	1,257	886
9th to 12th, No Diploma	2,786	2,594	3,158	3,384
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	5,417	7,862	8,389	10,956
Some College, No Degree			2,732	3,379
Associate Degree			811	1,154
Bachelors Degree			1,061	1,665
Graduate or Professional Degree			1,029	1,316



## High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total Graduates</b>	412	406	419	405
<b>Total to Higher Education</b>	315	313	288	312
<b>Four-Year Institution</b>	204	197	201	193
<b>Two-Year Institution</b>	52	73	50	75
<b>Vocational/Tech.</b>	59	43	37	44
<b>Military</b>	16	20	15	21

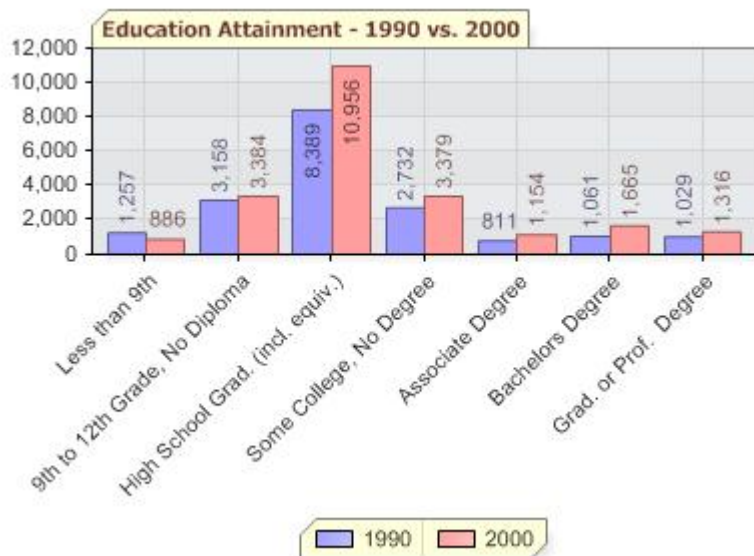
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

## Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
<b>Total Population 25+</b>	18,437	100.0%	22,740	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	1,257	6.8%	886	3.9%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	3,158	17.1%	3,384	14.9%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	8,389	45.5%	10,956	48.2%
Some College, No Degree	2,732	14.8%	3,379	14.9%
Associate Degree	811	4.4%	1,154	5.1%
Bachelors Degree	1,061	5.8%	1,665	7.3%
Graduate or Professional Degree	1,029	5.6%	1,316	5.8%

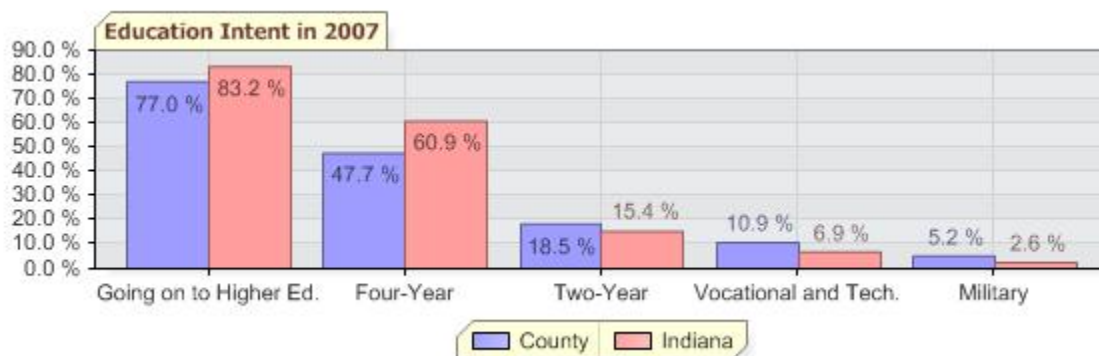


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

<b>Graduates</b>	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	77.0%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	47.7%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	18.5%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	10.9%	6.9%
Military	5.2%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

## Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

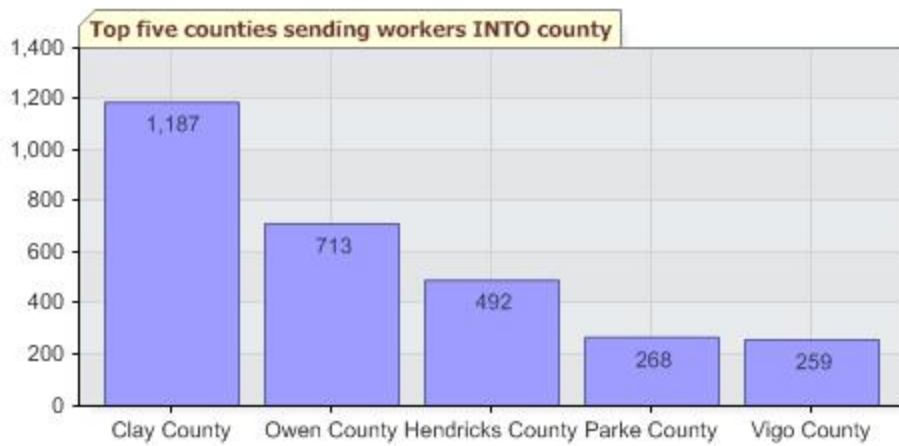
### Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	22,898
Number of tax filers who work in the county	20,274
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	16,391
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	3,883

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

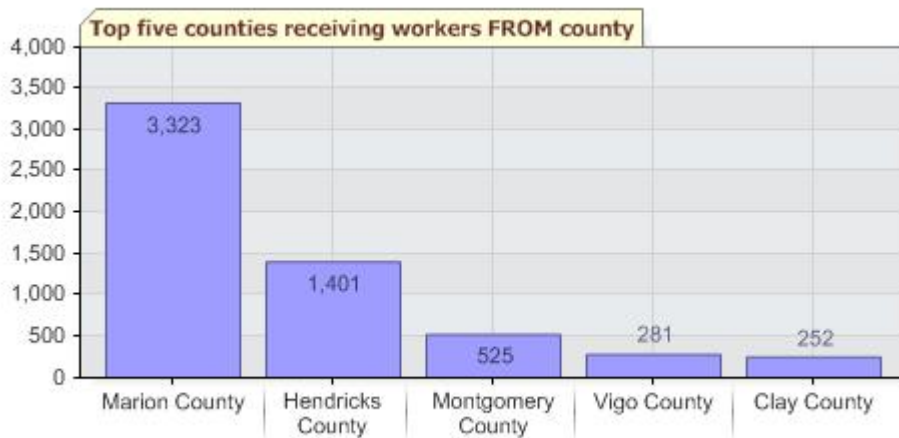
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Clay County	1,187	42.5%
Owen County	713	25.5%
Hendricks County	492	17.6%
Parke County	268	9.6%
Vigo County	259	8.5%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Marion County	3,323	57.5%
Hendricks County	1,401	24.2%
Montgomery County	525	9.1%
Vigo County	281	4.9%
Clay County	252	4.4%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Travel To Work in 2000

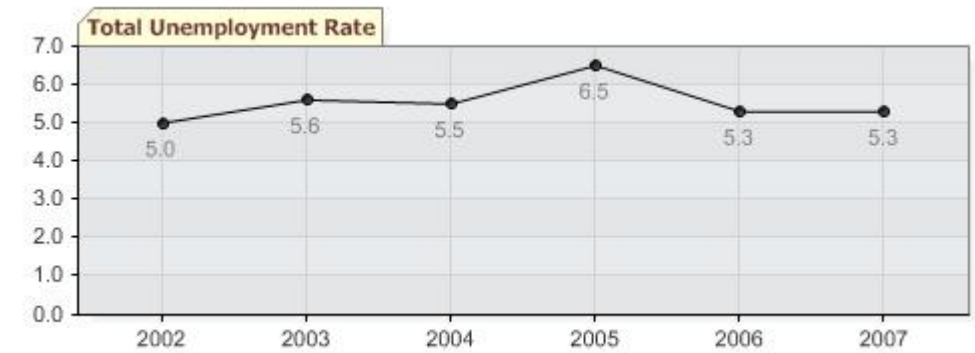
	Number	Pct. Dist
<b>Total Workers Age 16 and Over</b>	15,658	100.0%
Travel To Work	15,150	96.8%
Car, Truck, or Van	14,136	90.3%
Traveled Alone	12,435	79.4%
Carpooled	1,701	10.9%
Used Public Transportation	19	0.1%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	995	6.4%
Worked At Home	508	3.2%
<b>Average Travel Time (Minutes)</b>	25.6	
<b>Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)</b>	15.5	



# Labor Force

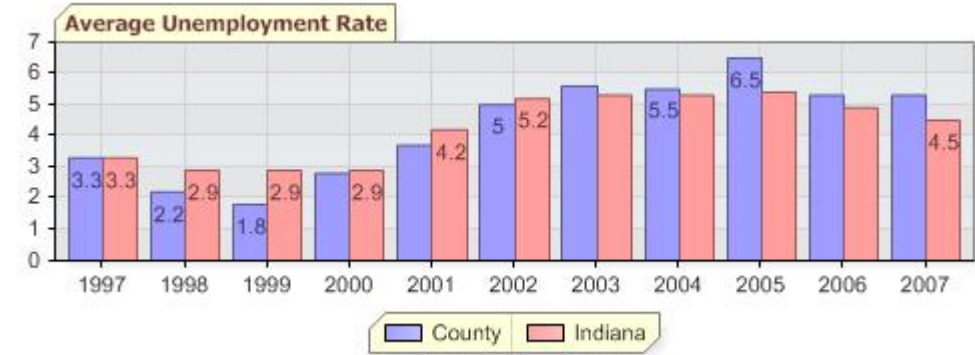
An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007		
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	17,591	2.2%
Employed	16,652	-0.5%
Unemployed	939	97.3%
Rate	5.3	89.3%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	16,741	16,188	553	3.3	3.3
1998	16,662	16,290	372	2.2	2.9
1999	17,067	16,754	313	1.8	2.9
2000	17,205	16,729	476	2.8	2.9
2001	17,342	16,701	641	3.7	4.2
2002	17,394	16,518	876	5.0	5.2
2003	17,578	16,600	978	5.6	5.3
2004	17,491	16,523	968	5.5	5.3
2005	17,770	16,607	1,163	6.5	5.4
2006	17,714	16,769	945	5.3	4.9
2007	17,591	16,652	939	5.3	4.5



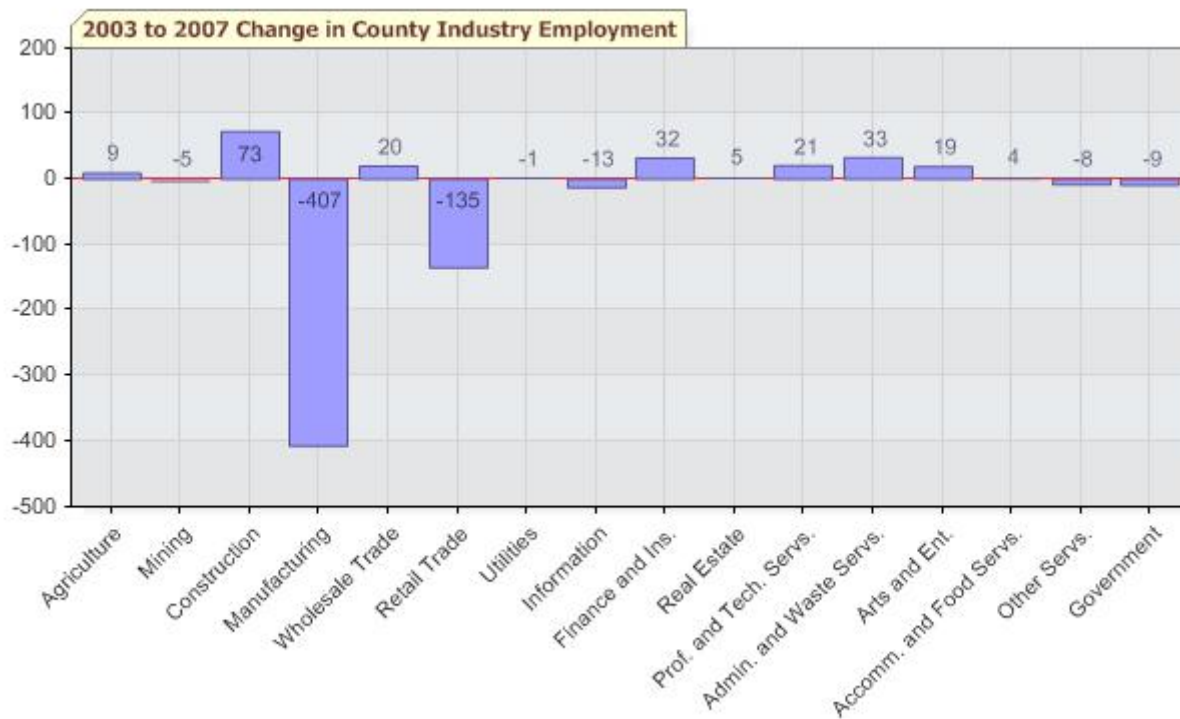
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

## Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
<b>Total Employment</b>	12,470	12,544	12,295	12,294	12,359	-111	-0.89%
<b>Total Private Employment</b>	9,663	9,746	9,495	9,537	9,561	-102	-1.06%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	36	36	38	47	45	9	25.00%
Mining	56	53	49	49	51	-5	-8.93%
Construction	317	351	353	365	390	73	23.03%
Manufacturing	2,870	2,870	2,572	2,457	2,463	-407	-14.18%
Wholesale Trade	119	146	138	132	139	20	16.81%
Retail Trade	1,298	1,263	1,205	1,178	1,163	-135	-10.40%
Transport. and Warehousing	D	D	D	D	933	N/A	N/A
Utilities	31	29	30	31	30	-1	-3.23%
Information	163	151	143	139	150	-13	-7.98%
Finance and Insurance	241	254	257	260	273	32	13.28%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	54	52	49	50	59	5	9.26%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	110	114	116	132	131	21	19.09%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	D	D	D	28	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	183	240	212	212	216	33	18.03%
Educational Services	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	830	858	923	909	1,002	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	38	51	54	55	57	19	50.00%
Accommodation and Food Service	1,113	1,128	1,151	1,176	1,117	4	0.36%
Other Services	264	264	243	248	256	-8	-3.03%
<b>Federal, State, &amp; Local Govt.</b>	2,807	2,798	2,800	2,757	2,798	-9	-0.32%

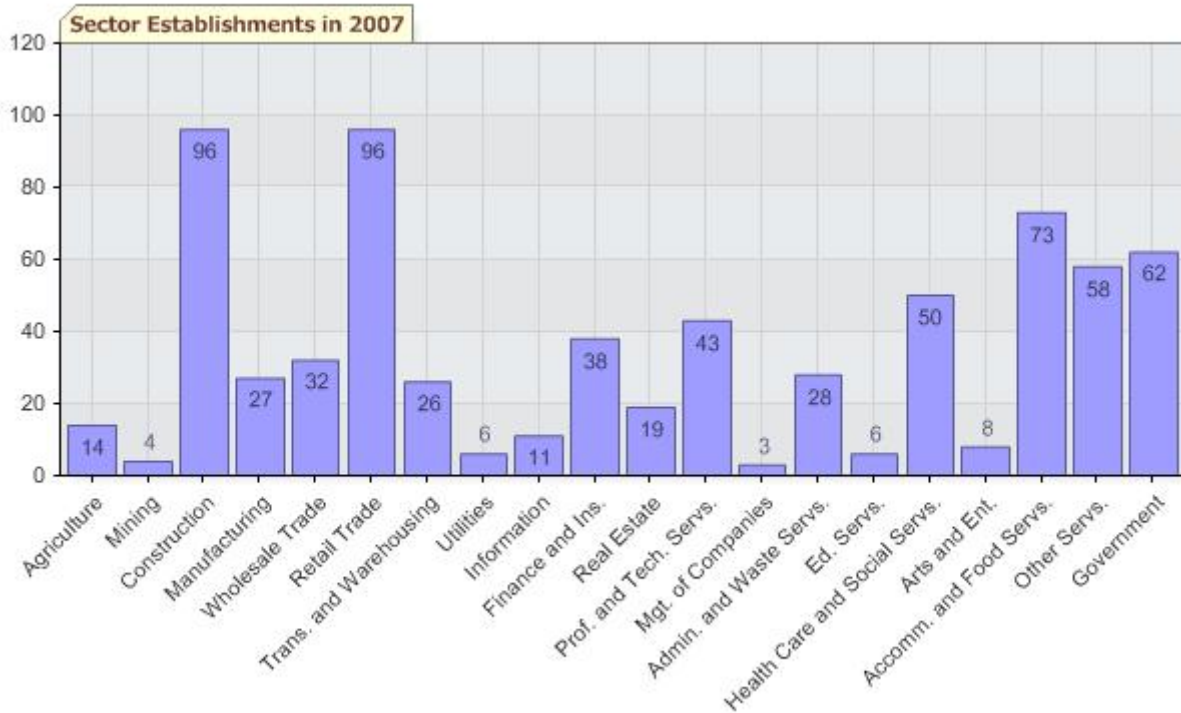


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## Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
<b>Total Establishments</b>	655	657	649	672	700	45	6.87%
<b>Total Private Establishments</b>	604	605	596	616	638	34	5.63%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	8	9	10	13	14	6	75.00%
Mining	4	4	4	4	4	0	0.00%
Construction	89	87	84	91	96	7	7.87%
Manufacturing	26	24	24	24	27	1	3.85%
Wholesale Trade	29	34	30	30	32	3	10.34%
Retail Trade	105	103	101	100	96	-9	-8.57%
Transport. and Warehousing	D	D	D	D	26	N/A	N/A
Utilities	6	6	6	6	6	0	0.00%
Information	12	12	11	10	11	-1	-8.33%
Finance and Insurance	33	34	36	37	38	5	15.15%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	20	18	17	17	19	-1	-5.00%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	43	39	39	41	43	0	0.00%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	D	D	D	3	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	27	28	28	26	28	1	3.70%
Educational Services	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	52	51	49	49	50	-2	-3.85%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	7	8	7	7	8	1	14.29%
Accommodation and Food Service	65	66	67	72	73	8	12.31%
Other Services	57	56	55	57	58	1	1.75%
<b>Federal, State, &amp; Local Govt.</b>	51	52	53	56	62	11	21.57%



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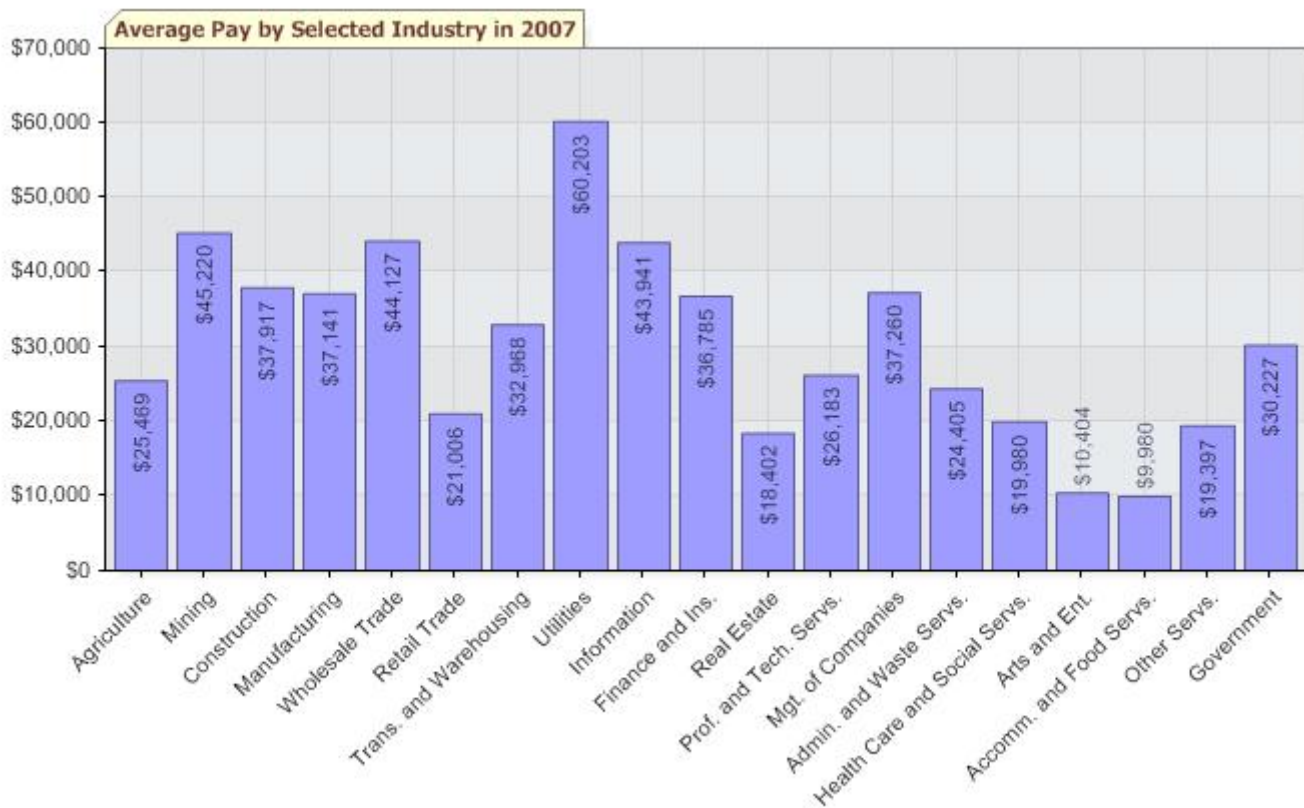
## Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

### Average Annual Earnings by Industry

Change	% Change	Indiana	% of
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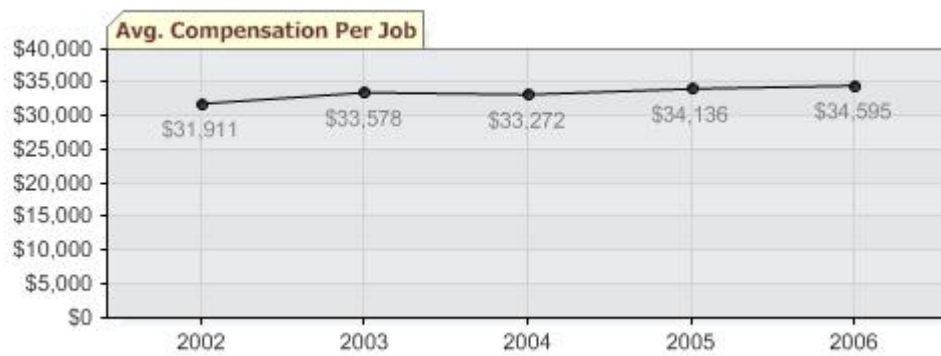
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$26,677	\$29,363	\$2,686	10.1%	\$37,530	78.2%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$24,331	\$25,469	\$1,138	4.7%	\$28,008	90.9%
Mining	\$38,614	\$45,220	\$6,606	17.1%	\$57,315	78.9%
Construction	\$29,897	\$37,917	\$8,020	26.8%	\$44,754	84.7%
Manufacturing	\$33,868	\$37,141	\$3,273	9.7%	\$51,148	72.6%
Wholesale Trade	\$37,015	\$44,127	\$7,112	19.2%	\$51,432	85.8%
Retail Trade	\$18,533	\$21,006	\$2,473	13.3%	\$22,581	93.0%
Trans. & Warehousing	D	\$32,968	N/A	N/A	\$38,012	86.7%
Utilities	\$50,759	\$60,203	\$9,444	18.6%	\$68,267	88.2%
Information	\$37,831	\$43,941	\$6,109	16.1%	\$46,311	94.9%
Finance & Insurance	\$30,725	\$36,785	\$6,060	19.7%	\$52,649	69.9%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$16,559	\$18,402	\$1,843	11.1%	\$32,614	56.4%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$23,647	\$26,183	\$2,536	10.7%	\$51,451	50.9%
Mgt.of Companies	D	\$37,260	N/A	N/A	\$72,682	51.3%
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$20,537	\$24,405	\$3,868	18.8%	\$24,934	97.9%
Education Svcs.	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$31,029	N/A
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$19,658	\$19,980	\$322	1.6%	\$37,706	53.0%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$11,127	\$10,404	-\$723	-6.5%	\$29,251	35.6%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$9,172	\$9,980	\$808	8.8%	\$12,442	80.2%
Other Svcs.	\$16,214	\$19,397	\$3,183	19.6%	\$24,862	78.0%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$27,914	\$30,227	\$2,313	8.3%	\$37,054	81.6%



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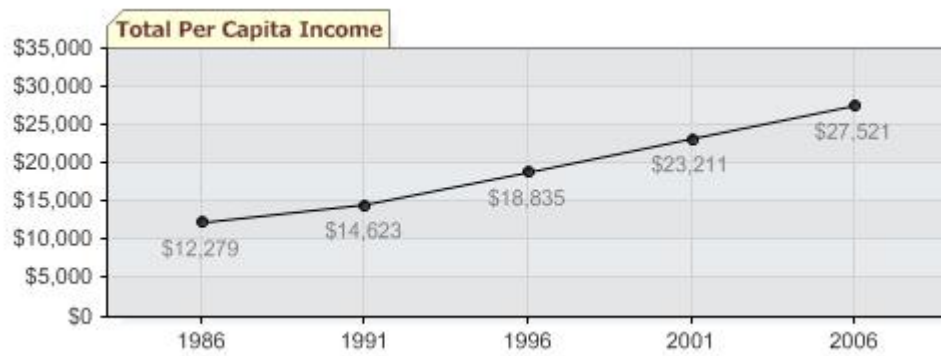
### Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Avg. Compensation per Job</b>	\$31,911	\$33,578	\$33,272	\$34,136	\$34,595
<b>Change Since 2002</b>		\$1,667	\$1,361	\$2,225	\$2,684
<b>Pct. Change Since 2002</b>		5.2%	4.3%	7.0%	8.4%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time					
	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$12,279	\$14,623	\$18,835	\$23,211	\$27,521
Change Since 1986		\$2,344	\$6,556	\$10,932	\$15,242
Pct. Change Since 1986		19.1%	53.4%	89.0%	124.1%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage	
	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$29,360
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	37.0%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Firms and Employment by Size

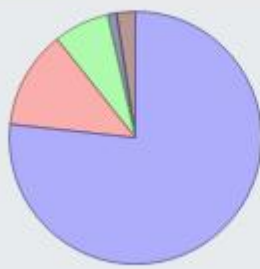
Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

County Business Patterns, 2006				
	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	537	30	5.9%	76.7%
10-19 employees	88	4	4.8%	12.6%
20-49 employees	50	9	22.0%	7.1%



50-99 employees	8	-6	-42.9%	1.1%
100 plus employees	17	1	6.3%	2.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

County Business Patterns



76.71 %	1 to 9
12.57 %	10 to 19
7.14 %	20 to 49
1.14 %	50 to 99
2.43 %	100 plus

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

### Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	378	53.2%
5 to 9 employees	149	21.0%
10 to 19 employees	84	11.8%
20 to 49 employees	67	9.4%
50 to 99 employees	14	2.0%
100 plus employees	18	2.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Business Units by Size

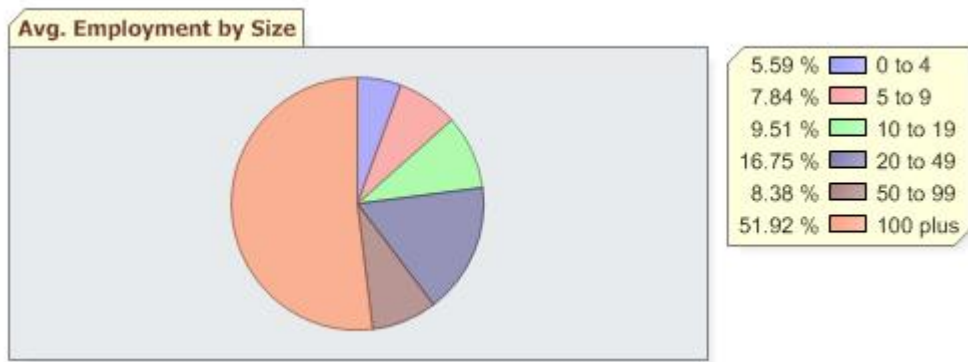


53.24 %	0 to 4
20.99 %	5 to 9
11.83 %	10 to 19
9.44 %	20 to 49
1.97 %	50 to 99
2.54 %	100 plus

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

### Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	668	5.6%
5 to 9 employees	937	7.8%
10 to 19 employees	1,137	9.5%
20 to 49 employees	2,002	16.8%
50 to 99 employees	1,001	8.4%
100 plus employees	6,205	51.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,952</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.